

An English Translation of Amendment filed on June 6, 2001
according to Article 34 of PCT

Please note that these amendments were filed in response to the Written Opinion from the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA: Japanese Patent Office). In these amendments, the applicant canceled Claims 3-7 and 9, amended Claims 1, 2, and 8, and amended the second page of the specification.

We herewith enclose an English translation of the Japanese-language replacement pages 2, 32 and 33 submitted to the IPEA. Please note that Claims 10 was not amended.

Please note that the amended portions are indicated in bold letters.

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.123, Applicant requests approval of the following drawing changes shown in red on the attached copies of Figures 4, 6, 7, 14, 16 and 19:

In Figure 4, please replace the numerical value "0.23" with "2.3."

In Figure 6, please replace the numerical value "0.21" with "2.1."

In Figure 7, please replace the numerical value "0.21" with "2.1."

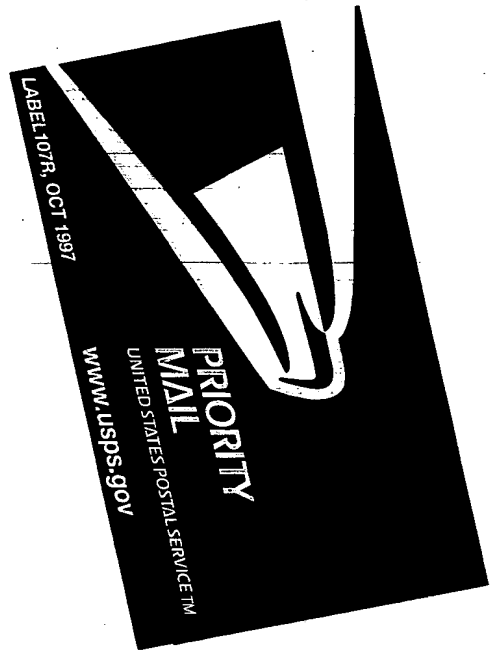
In Figure 14, please replace drawing numbers (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) with drawing numbers Fig.14(a), Fig.14(b), Fig.14(c), Fig.14(d), Fig.14(e), Fig.14(f), Fig.14(g) and Fig.14(h), respectively.

In Figure 16, please add drawing numbers Fig.16(a), Fig.16(b), Fig.16(c) and Fig.16(d) as shown in the drawing.

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